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OX CART/IDEALIST

25X1A EYES ONLY [REDACTED] FROM COL SHELTON

1. TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS DIRECTING AND INDIRECTLY AFFECTING YOUR ORGANIZATION.

2. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, WE ARE DEPLOYING THREE OXCART VEHICLES TO MADENA TO MEET NORTH VIETNAM CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS. CERTAIN OF THE [REDACTED] PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED TO IDEALIST. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS PLANS AND COMMITMENTS REQUIRE STUDY AND RE-ALIGNMENT. I BELIEVE YOU CAN PLAN ON RECEIVING THE FRUHAUF PE TRAILER TO SUPPORT U-2R

25X1A TEST PROGRAM. [REDACTED] HIS PERSONNEL ARE LOOKING AT OTHER TRAILERS AND RELATED COMMITMENTS. EXPECT AN ANSWER ONCE THE DUST SETTLES.

3. THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION MAY REQUIRE THAT YOU DEPLOY TO THAT AREA AS NEEDED. SUGGEST YOU CONTINUE WITH YOUR IN-HOUSE PLANNING AND SCRUB DOWN TO DEPLOY UP TO TWO U-2 "G" MODEL ACFT WITH REQUIRED DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS, BAKER AND DELTA CAMERAS, ETC. FOR THE TIME BEING YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH OTHER THAN PROJ HQS ON THIS MATTER. TWO POSSIBLE CONCEPTS OF OPERATION COULD RESULT--(1)

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25X6 A LAND BASE TYPE [] AND (2) A CARRIER OR
COMBINED LAND AND CARRIER OPERATION FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN, FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES WE ARE ADVERTISING THAT YOU COULD DEPLOY BECOME
OPERATIONAL, AND LAUNCH A RECONNAISSANCE MSN FROM [] ON THE 6TH 25X6
DAY FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION TO DEPLOY. NATURALLY, THIS PRE-SUPPOSES
THAT DEPLOYMENT, POLITICAL APPROVALS AND AIRLIFT PERMITS MOVEMENT ON 25X1A
NOTIFICATION PLUS TWO DAYS. WE TENTATIVELY ENVISION THAT WE PLACE TWO
PILOTS AT LORING OR ANOTHER SUITABLE NORTHEAST U.S. BASE AND TWO []
[] AT EITHER [] I MIGHT ADD
RIGHT HERE THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THIS MOMENT HAS NOT 25X1C
COMMENCED NEGOTIATIONS [] TO DETERMINE THEIR
INTERESTS OR VIEWS ON THIS MATTERS; THEREFORE, DO NOT DISCUSS THIS
25X1C [] MANNER INDICATING OUR POSSIBLE INTENTIONS TO
DEPLOY AT THIS TIME. WOULD GUESS THAT WE ARE STILL ASSESSING THE
SITUATION THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS AND METHODS AND PROBABLY WILL NOT
BECOME TOO ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT STRONG SECOND
OR THIRD COUNTRY SUPPORT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, CONTINUE WITH UNIT LOW-KEY PLANNING 25X1A
AND AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. [] NOW YOUR STATION,
HAS ACCURATE FEEL FOR URGENCY AT THIS TIME.

5. FYI: WE ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO INTERROGATE [] WHICH 25X1A
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25X1 WE FEEL IN PROPER PLACE AND CAPABLE OF BEING INTERROGATED. CERTAIN
[] TESTS AND EXPERIMENTS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WHICH WILL
ASSIST IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

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6. PLAN TO RETURN [] ON OR ABOUT 31 MAY.

25X1A MOST [] PERSONNEL TO RETURN, WITH MINOR EXCEPTION, TO []
ABOUT THE SAME TIME. 25X1A

END OF MESSAGE

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